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Oakland Police Uncover Illegal Marijuana Operation

Oakland, CA— On Wednesday, December 18, 2013, at about 12:40 PM, the Area 2 Crime Reduction Team (CRT 2), led by Sergeant Curtis Worcester, executed a search warrant on the 700 block of 55th Street at an illegal marijuana operation running out of a gift shop.

The warrant had been obtained in response to information from the community regarding suspected illegal activity at the shop. Investigation led OPD to believe that the unpermitted operation represented a public safety risk due to gang/group activity, an association with firearms, and the potential for violence.

Three adult suspects were arrested on suspicion of possession for sale of marijuana and concentrated cannabis (hashish).

The search resulted in the recovery of:

- An illegally possessed firearm
- 28 pounds of marijuana
- A pound of hashish.

One of the suspects was also arrested on suspicion of being a felon in possession of a loaded firearm.

After serving the warrant on 55th Street yesterday, CRT 2 went on to serve two additional warrants, recovering two more illegally possessed firearms.

Crime reduction teams continue to make a real impact. Our focus on making cops count in Oakland neighborhoods through professional and productive policing continues.

Nixle Tip Watch allows tipsters to send OPD a tip three ways:

1. *Text* **TIP OAKLANDPD** to **888777** from your cell phone
2. *Call* our toll-free tip hotline at **855-TIPS-247** (855-847-7247)
3. *Respond* to OPD's Nixle messages

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